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1. There is an AVH assistance battalion at Szerencs whose [redacted]
2. Superior Command: AVH headquarters in Budapest.
3. Quarters: In the new AVH barracks, reconstructed from old buildings east of the power station. The garages are new.
4. Organization: Staff about 25 men
Quartermaster section " 40 "
Three companies " 300 "
Transport section " 30 "
Aggregate about 400 men
5. Armament: Half with carbines, the other half with machine-pistols. There are three light machine guns in each platoon. The 4th platoon of each company is armed with heavy Maxim machine guns.
6. Vehicle Park: two personnel carriers, two jeeps, two motorcycles, seven Csepel three-ton trucks.
7. Officers: Battalion commander, Captain Karoly Kovacs, 35 years old, a former carpenter's helper, a strong Communist; Transport officer, Lieut. Bela Kemenes 25 years old, a former auto mechanic.
8. Border Guard Troops. A Border Guard battalion and a Border Guard training battalion are stationed in the Border Guard barracks at the edge of Szerencs, north of the road to Miskolc. There is a radio relay station about 500 meters west of this barracks.

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ENCLOSURE (A): AVH Barracks in Szerencs
(B): Location of Border Guard Barracks in Szerencs

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